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Hoell will get new job on campus in summer

Allison Maier
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UM officials will reassign Melanie Hoell to another position on campus, according to Provost Royce Engstrom.

Hoell was told last week that her contract as director of the Undergraduate Advising Center would not be renewed, meaning she would have to leave in five months. She has worked at UM since 1982.

Engstrom said that reassigning Hoell has been the plan all along. However, Hoell said that the dismissal letter she received initially was a form letter that didn't include a paragraph telling her that she was going to be reassigned. She said this issue was resolved when she met with Engstrom last week.

Neither Engstrom nor Hoell would talk about Hoell's new position, but Hoell said she has been told that a meeting will be held later this week to discuss her reassignment.

Last Thursday, the English department sent a letter to Engstrom and President George M. Dennison opposing Hoell's dismissal and saying she should be reassigned to an equivalent job on campus.

English department chair Casey Charles said he received an e-mail from Engstrom explaining that the university is working to find a position for Hoell that she finds satisfactory.

Word of Hoell's dismissal came at a time when many Advising Center employees were told the peer advising program would be cut after the spring semester. Engstrom has said there are no plans to eliminate the program completely, but it may change as it becomes part of the planned Office for Student Success. The office is one of many measures supported by the administration to improve student retention and graduation rates.

According to peer advising program coordinator Carol Bates, the Advising Center and the administration have yet to discuss the direction the peer advising program will take.

However, ASUM officers plan to meet with administrators today to discuss the peer advising program. The ASUM senate voted to support the university's "Partnering for Student Success" plan, which includes the establishment

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Think Green? Think again



Alisia Muhlestein/Montana Kaimin

Think Tank renovation is still on hold, pending approval of the projected location. Other options have been suggested, including moving the building closer to the Oval.

Think Tank remodel postponed again; location, cost still primary concerns

Kayla Matzke
MONTANA KAIMIN

The planned expansion and remodel of the Think Tank coffee shop to make it the first "green" building on campus is at a standstill yet again.

Early last fall, the Missoula Historical Preservation Office halted plans to move Think Tank onto the brick concourse between Urey Lecture Hall and the Oval. The space surrounding the Oval should be reserved for academic buildings, the group said.

In response, UM moved the proposed Think Tank site northeast of its current location to a spot on the grass closer to the Journalism Building. But three organizations, including the preservation office, are once again concerned, according to Director of Dining Services Mark LoParco.

The Preservation Office and state arboretum committee are worried that the expansion might put two nearby trees in jeopardy, so they are reviewing the building plans to make sure that doesn't happen, LoParco said.

Philip Maechling, a Historic Preservation officer for the city of Missoula, said his group is concerned that the new Think Tank location would crowd the historic Journalism Building and interfere with the green space. The preservation office is waiting for UM to spell out how it plans to limit these impacts, he said.

"We can't prevent them from building, but they have to comply with state law (dealing with historic buildings)," Maechling said.

Maechling would prefer that

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Beware: Scammers phishing for Griz

Mark Page
MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana's information technology (IT) department is making an anti-fraud push, attempting to protect students' Grizmail accounts from the constant threat of computer viruses and phishing attacks.

Grizmail was inundated with a large-scale phishing scheme on Jan. 9, which included messages to thousands of campus e-mail accounts.

The most common form of phishing involves a message like the one sent to students earlier this month (see page 4). If a student responds to the message, the scammer gains access to the student's e-mail account. The scammer can then send thousands of spam e-mails from the student's address, or in the worst case find financial or other personal information contained in e-mails and steal the victim's identity. The IT department has yet to see identity theft at UM, but the message that IT is trying to spread is: Do not respond.

Gordy Pace, the director of IT Communications, is charged with spreading the word. He called the phishing problem at UM "significant" and has been plastering the campus with warning posters.

"We've had several phishing attacks over the last few months," Pace said. "We do have people that respond to them and give up their credentials."

Pace added that the university would never ask for personal information, like social security numbers, usernames or passwords through e-mail.

According to the Anti-Phishing Work Group, an anti-fraud organization, the term "phishing" originates from the original form of hacking called "phone phreaking," in which a hacker would use a tone-emitting box to make free long-distance calls, or charge long-distance calls to a different account.

IT security officer Adrian Irish said IT does two things to try and counter the attacks. First, they try to block the incoming messages using a shared higher-education database of known scammer e-mail addresses, which is updated daily. The second step is to try and block students' outgoing response messages.

Blocking responses can be tricky at times when a large

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Editorial

Exceptions create imbalance instead of equality

Later this month, golfer Vincent Johnson will make his PGA Tour debut at the Northern Trust Open in California. The 22-year-old will be one in a field of pros expected to include Phil Mickelson and other past major championship winners. However, he won't be playing because he's earned it.

He'll be there because he's black.

Johnson, a former Oregon State golfer who has made all of \$800 as a professional, was selected for an exemption to compete in the tournament held Feb. 19–22. He received the first Charlie Sifford exemption — named after the first black player on the PGA Tour — because he otherwise would not qualify and represents the advancement of diversity in golf.

Exemptions are common in golf. They allowed female golfers Annika Sorenstam and Michelle Wie to play with the men, and they sometimes allow proven golfers to participate in events despite not qualifying.

This exemption, however, feels wrong.

While Johnson has the thrill of his life, the rest of us maybe need to wonder if his free pass isn't indicative of an outdated and counterproductive institution: forced diversity.

Practices aimed at creating equal opportunities across the genders and races have run their course. There is no need to hand out keys to doors that have already been kicked down.

It's 2009, and the president, the attorney general, the world's best golfer and the man who coached the winning team in last weekend's Super Bowl are all black. And they'll all tell you they got where they are through old-fashioned hard work. Isn't it time to move past exemptions and exceptions?

If the ideal we're trying to achieve is that blacks are no different from whites, why do we give them extra assistance? It's not just in golf. Scholarships and internships are often for "minorities only." Is a black girl born into poverty any more deserving than an Anglo male from California with all of his faculties intact? If being white is a disadvantage, does that uphold the spirit of fair play?

A nasty byproduct is created from the message that race is something to be "overcome." It's this: the impression that race is a hindrance or a disadvantage, that minorities need extra help and that the black golfer never could have made the PGA Tour on his own. This message says he deserves more assistance than an equally woeful white golfer.

It's silly, isn't it?

By giving minorities a leg up, we're actually taking a step back.

It's hard to imagine that Martin Luther King Jr. marched for this kind of integration. His dream was not of a world where good things came to black people because they were black, but one where a black man's path to success was no different from that of a white man's. Judged not by the color of his skin, but by the content of his character — or even by the quality of his backswing. Dr. King would want a golfer — white or black — to be judged solely on his ability to play golf. And he would want a black golfer to earn a spot in a PGA Tour event the same way a white one would.

Vincent Johnson won't win the Northern Trust Open in two-and-a-half weeks. He probably won't even make the cut. But at least if he does, he will have earned it on the links.

— Bill Oram, editor,
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Haggis and hazards on Scottish streets

I must have been somewhere near Southside when I woke up on the bus. Looking over my shoulder, the frightful truth dawned on me.

Here I was, completely alone in Edinburgh save for the surly bus driver who pulled over to have a smoke in a sparsely-lit, deserted neighborhood. I asked him how I could get back to my hotel on Leigh Walks. Shaking his head like a disappointed father, he told me I had boarded on the wrong side of the street.

Before I could righteously correct his scathing review of my sense of direction, it occurred to me then that we were sitting on the left side of the road.

I probably should have picked up on that earlier.

Damn.

Having arrived late in the night without a friend in the world, or even an acquaintance of lesser worth with an element of familiarity, I opted to hit the streets on my own in what was to be the first night of my semester in Scotland. I figured it would be a good time to knock off the most pertinent task of my American tourist agenda: to slam down a plate of haggis at a cozy pub on Princes Street on the Northwest corner of Old Town.

It turned out to be a hearty, if not a bit pasty dish, served alongside two equally filling portions of neeps and tatties. As I savored my dinner drizzled in a bit of warm whiskey sauce, I congratulated myself for the marvelous idea.

I ended up cursing myself for chasing it with four pints of Kronenbourg, as the gentle humming of the bus engine lulled my travel-wearied body to sleep.

As I marched up the spiral stairs of the Myrtle House Hotel to my cozy room just before midnight, I assured myself I would never do something that irresponsible again.

Four Days Later ...

I must have been somewhere near ... Well, I had no idea where the hell I was as I awoke next to a platinum blond girl with a thick Scottish accent.

Fragments of images from the previous night flooded my brain that was already swelling from whiskey and Caledonian ale. I vaguely recalled her dragging me through a stone-walled labyrinth of bars several floors deep. I later learned I was in a Russian nightclub — ominously dubbed "Espionage" — hours after we met at the crowded, deafeningly loud Frankenstein, just a block away from Cowgate in the Old Town.

As she sipped on a mug of instant coffee, she complained to her two flatmates about having to wake up at "silly-o'clock" (which I deduced was Scottish jar-

STUMBLING THROUGH SCOTLAND

With Mike Gerrity



gon for 9 a.m.) in order to make it to work.

I sat in the kitchen, seemingly invisible to the three women who claimed to have grown up in Glasgow. They proceeded to argue for what seemed like a thousand years over whether or not they should go to McDonald's.

Cradling my spinning head, I asked Sonya if there was a bus stop near wherever the hell we were that would take me back to Tollcross. Sonya told me it was just down the road. Sonya also informed me that her name is not Sonya.

The decision to flee came suddenly.

Rather than press her for more detailed directions after such a calamitous revelation, I hopped a fence to the Holiday Inn across the street, where the guy at the front desk told me to catch the next bus headed left.

I giggled to myself in personal triumph. Hell no, you're not going to get me today! I'm hopping on the bus on MY side of the road.

When I made it back to Princes Street, I disembarked and headed toward Tollcross. Under the shade of a hard, gray sky, a persistent breeze lifted a riffling Union Jack over on the Royal Mile, and in the distance, I heard a bagpiper playing on the corner for passers-by.

A warm feeling came over me. I wasn't going to have to ask for directions the rest of the way back to my flat as I was finally getting the knack of the general layout of this friendly, elderly city.

Before the Royal Mile escaped me behind a daunting skyline of moss-caked bricks, I stopped by a corner shop to feed my newfound addiction to Irn Bru, an local soft drink that trumps even Coke in public devotion. Despite its alarming flavor reminiscent of gallon-tub bubble gum, its reputation as an efficient hangover cure is well deserved.

As I took a big swig of its orange-hued goodness, I looked toward Edinburgh Castle with sober eyes. For a moment, I pretended that I lived there and that I was on my way up to the highest tower to order a catapult strike against the one McDonald's on Princes Street.

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Correction:

In the front-page story, "Glasgow recoups after fatal shooting," in the Feb. 3 Kaimin, the fact that shooter Roger Sellers shot himself after killing one person in the small town was omitted. Additionally, the story incorrectly said Scott Billingsley was a nurse. According to other news reports, Billingsley was visiting his wife, Suzanne Billingsley, who was a nurse at Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital when the shooting occurred.

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Hoell's termination unnecessary
My name is Breeann Johnson and I was the Undergraduate Advising Center's Office Manager from June 2002 until August 2007. It should be clear that I am writing on my own behalf and that none of my former co-workers are aware of, nor have they had any input in this letter. I write in support of the UAC, the Peer Advising Program and the department's staff, particularly Melanie Hoell. The Provost's Office has made a grave mistake in terminating Hoell and should immediately reinstate her.

The recent shake-up in the Advising Center is the culmination of efforts by the Provost's Office to dismantle it and replace its staff with people more amenable to its plans, regardless of the Advising Center's benefit to students. The Provost's Office has decided a group advising model, where one adviser advises 200+ students, will



be more effective than the Peer Advising model, which focuses on individual adviser meetings. What is astounding is that the Peer Advising Program is nationally recognized by the National Academic Advising Association as a model for undergraduate advising programs around the country. UAC Peer Advisers receive training in-line with professional advisers. Members of the Provost's Office have been invited to observe the Peer Advising Program numerous times, but have made little effort to do so.

The Advising Center is committed to providing quality advising services to UM students. That spirit of commitment is embodied in Hoell. In recent years, the Provost's Office has become in-

creasingly erratic in its demands for change. Unwaveringly, Hoell advocated for her staff and the students we served. At every turn, Hoell and the Advising Center agreed we were not adverse to change, but that it was important there be a clearly articulated reason for it. These reasons have never been conveyed.

I encourage all students to submit their feedback on peer advisers to the Provost. Demand to know why the current model has failed to such an extent that the director of the department needs to be removed, the Peer Advising Program dismantled and staff re-assigned. The University ceases to exist without its students, and it is to the students that UM is beholden. Hoell and her staff have long understood this; it is time the Provost's Office does as well.

-Breeann Johnson,
School of Law

Transfer student advocates on behalf of Hoell

As someone who has been directly affected by Melanie Hoell's knowledge of and dedication to her role as the director of UM's Undergraduate Advising Center, I wish to respectfully and formally disagree with the administration's decision to relieve Dr. Hoell of her duties.

When I moved to Missoula I attended a transfer transition day and the first person I met was Ms. Hoell. Not only did she have an abundance of knowledge about the details of graduation, her support did not stop there. She was very personable and sincerely interested in my success. Melanie exemplifies professionalism and compassion. When she advises, the student in her office is the only person who matters at that moment. She is a teacher, a cheerleader, and a mentor to everyone she advises. The thought that students will not have

her as their champion is, quite sadly, unimaginable.

While I am fully aware that I do not know the whole story, I urge the administration to revisit their decision. Melanie is on the front lines when it comes to interacting with students. In the end, to relieve Dr. Hoell of her duties will, I am quite convinced, weaken the University's ability to retain students and as a result their reputation as an institution that cares about their students will suffer.

As the mother of a child who is looking at various schools for the fall semester, we will look to another school that adequately supports the people who ultimately are the ones that help new students like my daughter work their way through new and uncharted waters.

-Ane Petersen Shields,
UM alumna, '99



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- 22 Incarnate
- 23 Shaq of the NBA
- 25 Like a haunted house
- 27 Nationalistic
- 30 Flier
- 34 Besets
- 36 Skier's transport
- 37 Stallone, to friends
- 40 The Greatest
- 41 Guillemot's cousin
- 43 Wait like a baby
- 44 Promissory notes
- 46 Most favorable
- 49 Heavy reading
- 51 Incorrect
- 55 Radio, TV, etc.
- 57 Flash of light
- 58 "I Love Lucy" studio
- 61 Retirement letters
- 64 Centerward
- 65 Type of seizure
- 67 Fat-free milk
- 68 Gradual diminution
- 69 Type of fairy
- 70 Leak slowly
- 71 Roman tyrant
- 72 Binge
- 73 Tacks on

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- 7 City under Vesuvius
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number of students respond with queries like, "Is this real?" or "I know this is a scam," Irish said. This is why they try to tell students to not respond at all.

For weeks, Irish has been dealing with the fallout from the Jan. 9 incident, as students filter back to school and check their e-mail accounts for the first time. He said this attack wasn't very well organized, there were a lot of misspellings and the "from" address did not state that it was from the UM server. The more experienced scammers will forge a fake address, making the message appear more legitimate.

But the attack did generate about 10 responses. Irish attributes this to the fact that the Grizmail server was under construction earlier that week, so when students got a message asking them for personal information due to server reconstruction, they were more easily duped.

"It was not a well-done phishing attack at all," Irish said. "But the timing aspect made it very effective."

Irish said he had been dealing with a more sophisticated attack on Tuesday, one that did forge the "from" address and attacked a smaller number of users – 200 to 500 – making it harder to detect. About half of Irish's time this se-

mester has been spent dealing with these attacks.

The phishing messages generally come from three places: Russia, Nigeria and China, Irish said. The scammers do not always use the stolen accounts themselves, selling them in an underground black market.

Irish said an active e-mail account could fetch more on the black market than an active credit card account. For e-mail accounts, thieves can pull in \$4 to \$30, whereas credit card numbers fetch from 10 cents to \$25.

Phishing attacks are far more prevalent than viral ones. The most recent computer virus was an e-mail message with a .zip attachment containing what appears to be a postcard with a cartoon image of some forest animals. Once opened, the virus instantly sends a flood of outgoing e-mails. In response, IT is forced to shut down the user's e-mail account very quickly.

"You should never open unsolicited e-mail attachments from anywhere," said Irish.

If they have already opened such a file, students are urged to contact the IT Central Help Desk at 243-HELP.

Other forms of viruses spread on USB drives, Irish said, and can sometimes be thwarted if users turn off the "auto play" function on their computers.

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Mob witness trades info for less jail time

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BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — A Connecticut accountant who stole more than \$5 million from clients was sentenced Tuesday to just one year in prison because he risked his life by informing against two former New York City detectives accused of mob killings.

Stephen Corso, formerly of Ridgefield, could have been given more than seven years in prison under sentencing guidelines. He is scheduled to surrender May 6 to serve his sentence of one year and one day.

Corso was a witness against detectives Louis Eppolito and Stephen Caracappa, who were accused of participating in eight mob-related killings while working for the Luchese crime family. It was considered one of the worst cases of police corruption in New York history.

U.S. District Court Judge Janet Hall criticized Corso's thefts as "an extraordinary violation of trust," but said she considered his cooperation in the New York case when she sentenced him.

"I can't find the words to describe the value, at least in my judgment, of this cooperation," Hall said.

A New York jury found the detectives guilty in 2006, but a judge dismissed their racketeering case after determining the statute of limitations had passed on the slayings. A federal appeals court reinstated the verdict last year.

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Tips and wages kept separate in Senate

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HELENA — The state Senate voted 21–29 Tuesday to kill a bill that would allow employers to use tips to help pay their employees' wages.

Senate Bill 253's sponsor Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, R-Sidney, had said the bill would help the struggling restaurant industry in Montana get back on its feet.

"The restaurant people are in trouble," Steinbeisser told the Senate on Tuesday. "Is it better to have a job with a little bit less tips or to not have a job at all?"

The bill would have allowed employers to use tips to make up the difference in minimum wage increases above the current \$6.90 per hour. The minimum wage will increase to \$7.15 per hour in July.

Supporters of the bill included many restaurant owners and several small business owners.

Brad Griffin, representing the Montana Restaurant Association, said continual cost-of-living increases in the minimum wage are impossible to absorb in a tough economy.

"It is no exaggeration to say that the restaurant industry in Montana is suffering," Griffin said in the bill hearing on Jan. 28. "We just need a breather."

Griffin also said waiters and waitresses are typically the highest-paid staff in the restaurant and should not get required raises when they are making more per hour with tips anyway. A "tip credit" would allow restaurants to stay in business.

In the 2006 election, Montanans passed I-151, which raises or lowers the minimum wage every year depending on the national inflation figures. Soon after the initiative passed, the federal government passed a similar law. As a result of the two overlapping laws, Montana's minimum wage changes every six months.

Opponents of SB 253 said it would penalize the poorest of the poor in Montana for doing their job well. Wait staff, taxi drivers, outdoor guides, hairdressers and barbers would be affected.

Rachel Conn, a waitress and sous chef at Benny's Bistro in Helena, said that even with tips added to her minimum wage she can barely pay her bills and have enough for her emergency savings fund.

"In these hard economic times, we will never do better if we're paid less," Conn said during the bill hearing. "I am a good employee. My work, and the work of

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ASUM to lobby for gay rights

Josh Potter
MONTANA KAIMIN

Josh Crismore hasn't been a victim of a hate crime, but he knows people who have.

"The thing about hate crimes is," Crismore said, "the sphere of victimization goes far beyond the person who was specifically bashed."

That is why Crismore, executive director of the Lambda Alliance — UM's Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual group — said, "It is important to have a lobbyist in Helena working to make life better for all students."

Lambda Alliance's financial director Sean Schilke helped author an ASUM bill that, if it passed during Wednesday's meeting, would allow ASUM lobbyist Lucas Hamilton to lobby for gay rights in Helena.

The bill Hamilton and the Lambda Alliance are hoping to focus on is one that heightens penalties for hate crimes.

Crismore said that while Missoula is a relatively tolerant city, it

is not representative of the entire state.

"Luckily, as far as the city goes, they're trying to do their part," Crismore said. "But it only goes so far."

The bill aims to make students feel safe, not just in Missoula, but across the state, Crismore said.

Although an initial bill died in the Senate judiciary committee, Hamilton and ASUM are hopeful that Hamilton will find other opportunities to lobby for LGBT rights.

"It opens the door for me to lobby on similar bills," Hamilton said.

Other bills, he said, would include the one still alive in the senate regarding discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"If you go to a job and they don't hire you because somehow they found out your sexual orientation, this bill will make that illegal," Schilke said.

At most, Schilke said, the penalty is a fine.

"Any time that we can eliminate discrimination in any cross section

of our society is definitely helpful," Hamilton said.

Schilke said the passage of the bill would ultimately benefit the state because when people of the gay community cannot find jobs in Montana, they go to places like San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. ASUM and the Lambda Alliance hope the passage of the house bill would encourage these people to stay and work in state.

The Lambda Alliance and ASUM are also hoping Hamilton can help push bills through the Senate pertaining to the definition of domestic partnerships.

"It's not just a matter of saying 'You're my husband' or 'You're my wife,'" Crismore said. "It's about visiting rights in a hospital."

Crismore said that without a domestic partnership, longtime partners can also be denied inheritance.

"A lot of dissenters say we're looking for special rights," Crismore said, "but there's nothing special about equality."

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Jensen's big weekend is icing on top for Griz

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With the Griz down 6-7 with a shade over a minute to play, forward Richie Jensen picked up the loose puck in left center and accelerated toward the Walla Walla University net Saturday night.

Weaving his way around the outstretched sticks of two WWU players, Jensen froze a third defender with some quick stick work before freeing his hands for a snap-shot from 15 feet out.

Connecting crisply, he sent the puck hard at the exposed upper right corner of the cage and —

Missed.

A spirited burst late in the third period fell short of saving UM's club hockey team from a tough loss in front of some 350 fans at Glacier Ice Rink this weekend. Despite the scoreboard Saturday night, team president and forward Eric Kessler said things are on the up and up with the 30-man club, now 9-3 in intercollegiate matches.

Participating in the American Collegiate Hockey Association, the Griz have had a successful season both on and off the ice.

"We're much more disciplined than we've been," Kessler said. "Before, we were considered a joke."

Kessler said the team has always had skilled players but had difficulty reaching its potential.

"The talent is more focused now," he said.

Particularly focused — one might say goal-oriented — this weekend was Jensen, who netted a hat trick Saturday night in the losing effort against Walla Walla.

The two teams met again the next morning for a rematch and a chance for Grizzly redemption. Jensen, who apparently got a good night's sleep between games, scored five goals in Sunday morning's contest, bringing his total to eight goals on the two-game weekend. The Griz won the second game 9-8 in overtime.

Sophomore forward Tyson Alger said Jensen's efforts over the weekend, though impressive, were



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A Griz player attempts to get in position for a goal, despite being entangled in a group of other players. The Griz lost 7-6.

not completely unexpected.

"It honestly wouldn't have surprised any of us (if Jensen's late shot had tied Saturday's game)," said Alger, who scored the Griz's first goal of the night. "Once he gets motivated enough, he can throw the whole team on his shoulders."

Kessler, in his second season as club president and third with the team, said it used to be difficult to convince opponents to make the trek to Missoula. That's changed, he said. "Other teams know who we are now, they know that we put a quality product on the ice."

A combination of on-ice performance and off-ice management has helped the team tighten its operation, paying dividends on the score sheet as well as in the bleachers. The team has had over 300 rowdy spectators at each of their home games thus far this season.

Montana hopes to keep its at-

tendance marks high this upcoming weekend when it hosts Boise State.

The two teams met twice earlier in the season in Boise — both convincing Griz victories that likely have the Broncos rearing for a rematch, said Kessler.

The first two games between the clubs were hard-hitting affairs, Alger said. "Our last game was a little chippy," he said, remembering one hit in particular where a body check sent a Griz player's gloves and stick flying. "Kessler got blown up pretty good by one guy," said Alger. "We call that a yard sale."

Montana will face Boise State Saturday night at Glacier Ice Rink, located inside the Western Montana Fairgrounds on South Street. Tickets are \$3 for single admission and \$5 for groups of two. Beer is available for those of legal drinking age.

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Hockey fans go nuts after the Griz score a goal that temporarily ties up the game. Enthusiastic fans pounded on the glass and chanted profanities throughout the game against Walla Walla.



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University of Montana men's hockey coach Barret McDonald gives a pep talk to the team during a time out in the third period Saturday night at the Glacier Ice Rink.

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Griz Big Sky champs? Only if they can win upcoming road games



Whitney Bermes
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After following the University of Montana men's basketball team this year, it's pretty easy to conjure some run of the mill, cliché phrases to best describe its season.

There's no place like home. Home is where the heart is. Home is where you hang your hat. All that jazz.

No team has proven that better than the Griz. Thanks to an upset win over Portland State and a scrappy victory over Eastern Washington, their last homestand put the Grizzlies in second place in Big Sky Conference standings, two games back from league-leading Weber State.

And after attending those last two games, it's easy to see why Montana does so well down at the Adams Center. The last two games have averaged more than 4,200 fans. And these fans knew what they were doing. They were active. They were engaged. They stood up out of their seats and cheered at all the right times. They booed and hissed at the refs at all the right times.

Just what any basketball team would want.

But if you take a close look at their record (13-9, 7-3 BSC), it seems Montana has a case of

the homesick blues every time it leaves Dahlberg Arena.

Of their nine losses over the course of the season, eight of those have come on the road. And the Griz have only managed two road wins this entire season.

These losses aren't one- or two-point affairs. Wayne Tinkle's crew has lost road games by more than 17 points on average. And yes, this number includes losses to the likes of No. 4-ranked Duke and the University of Washington. But Montana has lost its two conference road games by an average of 13 points.

And now Montana is in the hunt to win the Big Sky regular season title. But unfortunately for the Griz, they have to hit the road for the next three games, with a critical game Saturday at rival Montana State in Bozeman.

It's already down to crunch time for the Griz, who also face lowly Northern Arizona (6-14, 3-6 BSC) and league bottom-dweller Sacramento State (2-20, 1-8 BSC) before returning home to Dahlberg to hopefully avenge losses from league-leading Weber State (14-8, 8-1 BSC) and Idaho State (7-16, 4-5 BSC).

Hopefully the Griz can shake off that road rust and bring a little bit of that Dahlberg spirit with them.

If they return home with the next three wins under their belt, we could just find ourselves hosting the Big Sky Conference tournament in March. And you know what they say — there really is no place like home.

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Phelps could face charges for smoking marijuana at party

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Olympic superstar Michael Phelps could face criminal charges as part of the fallout from a photo that surfaced showing the swimmer smoking from a marijuana pipe at a University of South Carolina house party.

A spokesman for Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, who is known for his tough stance on drugs, said Tuesday the department was investigating.

"Our narcotics division is reviewing the information that we have, and they're investigating what charges, if any, will be filed," said Lt. Chris Cowan, a spokesman for agency.

The photo first shown in British tabloid News of the World on Sunday was snapped during a November party while Phelps was visiting the university, according to the paper.

Phelps, 23, and his team have not disputed the photo's accuracy.

Phelps has issued a public apology, acknowledging "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment" after the photo appeared.

One of Phelps' agents, Drew Johnson, said Tuesday authorities had not contacted the swimmer. "So we really can't speculate," he said.

Last fall, Phelps was introduced to large applause at South Carolina's football game with Arkansas. He met with players and visited with Gamecocks coach Steve Spurrier, who gave Phelps one of the ball coach's trademark visors.

Phelps also spoke at a university class on sports' role in society.

Where exactly the party occurred isn't clear. The university said its police have no evidence it was on campus, and city police said they won't pursue criminal charges unless more information comes forward.

The Richland County sheriff can pursue charges as long as the party was in the county, the spokesman said.

"The bottom line is, if he broke the law, and he did it in Richland County, he's going to be charged," Cowan said. "And there's no difference between Michael Phelps and several other people that we arrest for the same type of a charge everyday."

Under South Carolina law, possession of one ounce or less of marijuana is a misdemeanor that carries a fine up to \$200 and 30 days in jail for the first offense. Possession of paraphernalia is a \$500 fine.

The Richland County sheriff has long sought to fight drug crimes. He rose from patrol officer to captain of the narcotics division in the early 1990s, after the television series "Miami Vice" made its splash.

Lott played the part well. He wore stylish suits and had long hair then. He drove a Porsche seized from a drug dealer and even worked undercover with federal agents in Florida.

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Job prospects unclear for ousted Blagojevich

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CHICAGO — Ousted as Illinois governor and looking for a job, Rod Blagojevich returned to national television on Tuesday to proclaim his innocence on corruption charges — perhaps angling for a future book deal or talk show.

But Blagojevich, a lawyer whose license is inactive, has some hurdles to overcome if he wants a new career. The biggest one: Who would hire him?

“A great many employers will not hire someone who has a felony charge pending against them,” said Chicago defense attorney John Beal.

But some might offer him a job, if only to exploit the built-in publicity surrounding the scandal-tainted Democrat, especially as he gets closer to a trial on charges that could bring a lengthy prison term.

A federal indictment is expected by April on allegations that Blagojevich tried to auction off Barack

Obama’s vacant Senate seat. He was impeached by Illinois lawmakers, who stripped him of his job last week.

Blagojevich’s publicist says offers are coming in, but he declined to provide details.

“Every day we get several offers of something he could do or would like to, and there are certainly no shortage of people who would love to speak with him,” publicist Glenn Selig said.

Before the unanimous vote to remove Blagojevich, one Chicago radio show offered him a job if he would resign in the wake of his Dec. 9 arrest on federal corruption charges. He refused to step down.

The former governor needs find a way to make a living. Not only did he lose his \$177,000-a-year job, but his wife recently was fired from her \$100,000-a-year job as the chief fundraiser for a Chicago homeless agency.

Federal authorities claim she was caught on secretly recorded

tapes making expletive-laden demands to fire Chicago Tribune writers critical of Blagojevich.

“It’s a period of adjustment for us. But you know what, I’m not asking for any sympathy. There are tens of thousands of Americans who are losing their job every single day. I just happen to be among the ranks,” Blagojevich told NBC’s “Today Show.”

Blagojevich’s latest round of national TV interviews Tuesday in New York included stops at CBS’ “Late Show with David Letterman,” CNN’s “Larry King Live” and Fox’s “On the Record with Greta Van Susteren.”

His publicist insists the appearances are not about finding the former governor a new job, but about clearing his name.

It won’t be easy. Before Blagojevich’s removal, Letterman listed the “Top Ten Ways Rod Blagojevich Can Improve His Image,” which ended with, “Uhhh ... resign?”

In his appearance on Letterman’s show Tuesday, Blagojevich said he keeps thinking he’ll wake up and people will realize “this is just one big misunderstanding.”

Letterman joked that the more Blagojevich talked and repeated his claims of innocence, the more the host said to himself, “Oh, this guy is guilty.” Blagojevich said he appreciated Letterman’s position but also believed he had to defend himself and assert his innocence.

Citing three previous Illinois governors with corruption convictions, Letterman joked: “Is this just part of the oath of office that you guys take?” Blagojevich replied, “Unlike those, I’ll be vindicated,” to laughter in the audience.

On “Today,” Blagojevich said he “unequivocally” never tried to profit from his power to appoint Obama’s Senate replacement and was eager for his day in court.

“This is America, and I still believe this is a place where, as it’s written in the Bible, the truth will set you free. I’m clinging to the truth and embracing the truth. I’ll ride the truth, and I’ll clear my name,” he said.

Blagojevich has the chance to refashion himself. Others have done it, such as homemaking diva Martha Stewart, who served prison time for insider trading, and former President Bill Clinton, who survived impeachment for his affair with a White House intern.

“Americans love the rehabilitation of fallen heroes. You know, we just love that,” said Eve Geroulis, a clinical professor at Chicago’s Loyola University school of business who specializes in marketing.

But to make a successful comeback, a person has to acknowledge what got him into trouble in the first place and then do some sort of penance to make amends, said Northwestern University professor Irving Rein.

Blagojevich has not done that, insisting he’s innocent of any criminal charges and that he will be cleared in the end.

“This is an awkward period, I don’t see him being able to capitalize on it,” Rein said.

A big comeback for Blagojevich will probably have to wait until the federal corruption case against him is resolved.

In addition to charges that he tried to personally benefit from his Senate appointment power, Blagojevich was accused of trying to strong-arm the Chicago Tribune into firing unfriendly editorial writers and of engaging in so-called “pay-to-play” politics in which state jobs or contracts are exchanged for campaign contributions.

If convicted, he could face a serious prison term. Conspiracy to commit fraud is punishable by up to 20 years and solicitation to commit bribery by as much as 10 more years.

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Rescue team gets hands-on training at Lubrecht



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Students learn how to use Avalanche beacons during a weekend course in the University-owned Lubrecht Experimental Forest. Students spent Saturday learning basics and then finished Sunday with a mass-casualty incident.

Amanda Eggert
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Last weekend, volunteers with Missoula County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team met at Lubrecht Experimental Forest to work on their emergency response skills and practice winter rescue scenarios.

Elise Lowe, the secretary of Missoula's Search and Rescue, said that the training intends to eliminate any communication or organizational snafus that slow down rescues.

It was also designed to help people from different agencies get to know one another so that future

rescues run more smoothly, she said.

There were representatives from Snowbowl's Ski Patrol, the Missoula and West Yellowstone Smokejumpers and the Backcountry Emergency Response Team, in addition to a number of search and rescue volunteers with the Sheriff's Department. In all, Lowe said 22 people attended both days of the training.

"It's a lot of training and a lot of fun, unlike the real thing. Those aren't fun," said volunteer Kim Sayler. He said that Search and Rescue was dispatched two weeks ago to help locate two lost

hikers in the Rattlesnake. They were found hiking out of the area soon after search and rescue arrived, Sayler said.

Margarita Phillips, who is entering her 21st season as a smokejumper, said that Search and Rescue sometimes deploys the Missoula Smokejumpers to parachute into remote locations.

"We have the stuff ready to go, basically," Phillips said. "In case we did have to go we could just round up the pilot and get them on board."

"We were dispatched when that plane went down in Kalispell," Phillips said. "The [cloud] ceiling

was too low, so we weren't able to go in and jump, though."

Warning signs and rescue procedures for avalanches dominated much of Saturday's itinerary. Discussion ranged from where and how avalanches occur to how to use transceivers to locate victims and dig them out.

Saturday afternoon, St. Patrick's Life Flight crew landed in Lubrecht and talked about finding good helicopter landing zones and using GPS to locate victims. Once GPS coordinates are established, they are radioed back to Search and Rescue.

Saturday evening, the participants built snow igloos using the

tools they keep in their rescue packs. Lowe said the packs they take on incidents are outfitted to provide the rescuer with enough food and first aid equipment to last 24 hours. Most participants stayed outside in tents or in snow igloos Saturday evening.

Sunday culminated in a big rescue scenario that lasted several hours and allowed the participants to practice what they'd been learning about all weekend.

"It went really well," Lowe said. "We had a big avalanche scene and we got to use all of our resources."

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A Life Flight helicopter whirls up loose snow before landing in the Lubrecht experiment forest. The Life Flight crew flew in as part of the training so the class could learn about the roles of helicopters in an avalanche rescue.

Snow Report

Big Mountain

Past 24 hrs: 1 in.
Past 72 hrs: 3 in.
Base 73 in.

Great Divide

Past 24 hrs: 0 in.
Past 72 hrs: 0 in.
Base 35 in.

Big Sky

Past 24 hrs: 1 in.
Past 72 hrs: 1 in.
Base 45 - 67 in.

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Past 24 hrs: 0 in.
Past 72 hrs: 0 in.
Base 82 - 86 in.

Blacktail Mountain

Past 24 hrs: 0 in
Past 72 hrs: 0 in.
Base 72 in.

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Past 24 hrs: 0 in.
Past 72 hrs: 1 in.
Base 30 - 68 in.

Bridger Bowl

Past 24 hrs: 3 in.
Past 72 hrs: 3 in.
Base 58 in.

Moonlight Basin

Past 24 hrs: 1 in.
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Base 50 in.

*According to OnTheSnow.com

Bitterroot Bill evades limelight yet again

Matt McLeod
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It looks like we're in for six more chilly weeks of winter. It's official: the yellow-bellied marmot, Bitterroot Bill, refused to peek out of his burrow Monday at the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge.

Or show up, for that matter.

The elusive rodent skipped his headlining Groundhog Day performance at the Stevensville Park for the fourth straight year.

Still, his image managed to cast a shadow as the sun split the clouds around noon and kids' paper cutouts on popsicle sticks standing in for Bill poked their heads over the rims of their Dixie-cup holes.

Unlike the famed Punxsutawney Phil, technically there is no Bitterroot Bill, as the crowd scouring the ground for marmots during the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

hunt found out. Nine-year-old Nadia McCormick and her 7-year-old brother Desmond led the expedition and reveled in finding some traces, if not the real thing.

"We found tracks and holes," Nadia announced to the group. "Oh, and a lot of poop."

The search was the climax of the morning, as department recreation planner Bob Danley treated spectators at the visitor's center to owl hooting lessons, hokey puns and a meal of roasted "groundhog" before they set out.

"Okay, it's sort of a joke," Danley said, admitting the food was really pork. "It's actually ground hog."

Danley also offered a history of the holiday, an exhibition of furry pelts and a deluge of facts on the rodent family. Stevensville's Chelsea Phillips attended with her sister's kids in tow. She said she came because it was the perfect way to spend a "really funny holi-

day" and left understanding why they didn't catch a glimpse of the star of the show.

"I didn't realize some of these things can spend up to 80 percent of their time hibernating," Phillips said. "That's pretty amazing."

As Danley explained, sleepy Bill is a cousin of famous Phil. Both are ground squirrels, members of the marmot family. While found throughout North America, the majority of true groundhogs live in lower elevations, whereas yellow-bellied marmots typically inhabit the higher, rugged Montana terrain. Both use razor-sharp claws to burrow into their underground homes, creating intricate networks of crisscrossing tunnels that include storage areas for food and separate bathroom chambers.

Yellow-bellies normally don't venture out until early spring, meaning it's unlikely to spot one this early in the year. And while Phil did spy his shadow in Penn-

sylvania, the confirmation that warmer weather is on the way isn't exactly hard science.

The original 1887 affair grew out of an old German superstition; immigrant farmers employed the ritual every Feb. 2 — the ancient Christian holiday Candlemas — to figure out when to their plant their crops. The tradition caught on. The Punxsutawney pageant has drawn as many as 30,000 spectators. The Montana transplant? This year only a couple dozen made the trip, though, according to Danley, they've drawn as many as 100.

He said no matter how many people show up, he's proud to host a different kind of experience.

"You use your senses and your knowledge and skills and that makes it more fun," Danley said. "You don't go out into nature to see some animal jump out of a cage."

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Lubrecht welcomes dogs on ski slopes

Jeff Osteen
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Winter ski trails can offer an exhilarating outdoor escape for both humans and canines; but, in most cases, it's a good idea to leave Snoopy at home.

"Most people come to ski Lubrecht because they can bring their dogs," said Frank Maus, forest manager of Lubrecht Experimental Forest.

Lubrecht Forest hosts one of the only Nordic ski trails that allow dogs during the winter.

Maus said groomed Nordic ski trails are typically closed to dogs because they run down the trails and tend to leave behind steaming leftovers where they've been.

According to a Missoula City ordinance: "The owner or custodian of an animal is responsible for the immediate removal of any excreta deposited by his animal (in public)."

"Dogs are welcome here," Maus said, "but we do ask that you clean up after them."

He said they provide sanitation bags should dogs fancy a poop in the forest, which happens often after the 30-mile drive to Lubrecht down Highway 200, east of Missoula.

Dogs are prohibited during the winter on ski trails closer to Missoula, such as the Rattlesnake and Pattee Canyon. Maus said dogs may also be restricted if barking or fighting becomes a problem.

"If we start having dog conflicts, we might have to consider restrictions," he said. "Right now, it seems to be working."

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Guard troops find 92-year-old ice storm survivor

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — As Sgt. Michael Franks pulled up to a shack resting among the ice-coated limbs of a forest in northeast Arkansas, he said he couldn't believe that anyone was living on the property located miles from any major road — let alone a 92-year-old woman waiting for something to eat.

But there was Jewel Kitrel, sitting on a tattered couch, warming herself by a wood-burning stove.

Kitrel has lost almost all of her vision, and Franks said he and four other Arkansas National Guardsmen had to explain that they were sent to check on her and bring her food and water after the debris from last week's ice storm made it impossible for her regular nurse to deliver her food.

"She just broke down and started crying," said Franks. "She was so happy that we had come out there, and that we cared enough to come out and see her to make sure she was alright."

It was a happy discovery for Guard troops who have finally started to make their way into the most remote parts of Arkansas and Kentucky a week after a powerful storm swept through.

The storm, blamed or suspected in at least 57 deaths nationwide, has left a trail of grief from the Ozarks to the Appalachians.

At its height, the storm knocked out power to 1.3 million customers from the Southern Plains to the East Coast. As of Tuesday night, about 370,000 homes and businesses remained without electricity in Kentucky and Arkansas, the hardest-hit states.

Some died from hypothermia, huddled in their cold, dark homes. Others died in traffic accidents or from carbon monoxide poisoning caused mainly by improperly ventilated propane and kerosene

heaters. The door-to-door checks being completed in the days after the storm are an effort to keep the death toll from rising as people wait for the power to return.

Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe also asked President Barack Obama on Tuesday to upgrade the federal response in the state by declaring a major disaster, which would open the door for immediate financial assistance. Beebe's counterpart in Kentucky, Gov. Steve Beshear, made the same request for his state on Monday.

The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management was processing requests Monday from local governments for food, water and generators, as crews made their way into the more rural areas and found people who were still unable to leave their homes.

"They were out there checking houses to make sure that no one fell through the cracks or was forgotten about," said Mayor Gerald Morris of Piggott, Ark.

In some cases, it has been too late. Relatives who went Thursday to check on Thomas Lacy in White Plains, Ky., found the 84-year-old had died in his mobile home, bundled in a housecoat that couldn't keep him warm after the power went out. He died of hypothermia.

Relatives said Lacy was stubborn when it came to leaving the tiny community where he lived for the past 84 years, even when the severe winter storm bore down with lethal low temperatures.

"He was born and raised on that property and he would not leave," said his niece, Karla Bower of Campbellsville.

Lacy didn't answer the phone the day they found him. At first, relatives thought he'd forgotten his hearing aid and simply couldn't hear the rings. But the ice and the cold made them uneasy.

Bower and her parents made

their way to Lacy's home, hoping to persuade him to join them at her home an hour and a half away in Campbellsville. When they arrived, another relative had already gotten there and found Lacy's body.

Even after Guard members found her on Monday, Kitrel refused to leave her home. The servicemen gave her a survival meal

and asked her to go with them to a nearby town where she could stay in a shelter.

Kitrel had been living in the tiny building for over two months, after her home burned down. Franks said he thought she had always relied on wood-fired heat at her rural home. So, when the power went out last week, she just stocked up on wood and bundled up the same

as any other winter night.

"We tried to get her to come back with us, but she was pretty adamant about not leaving," Franks said as he chuckled slightly recalling the event. "She said she was more comfortable there than she would be anywhere else."

Franks said Guard troops will check on her twice daily to make sure she's OK.

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THINK TANK

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the new coffee shop be expanded where it already sits, he said.

But UM doesn't have the money to expand the coffee shop where it already sits on top of Urey, LoParco said.

"It's a little 12-by-20 building, but (on to build on top of Urey) it's a half-of-million-dollar building," he said.

That complication makes engineering expensive, he said.

UM is also awaiting approval from the Americans with Disabilities Act 504 Committee to ensure accessibility for everyone.

The approval has taken "longer than anticipated," LoParco said. "Assuming we can maneuver successfully through that, we should go out to bid with plans this semester."

LoParco said he isn't too concerned.

"I'd like to think we can get to common ground on this," he said.

As it stands, the remodel will cost Dining Services \$500,000, plus an additional \$200,000 for energy-efficient equipment like Energy Star appliances.

LoParco said Dining Services has earned enough money to do the remodel and doesn't have to borrow.

If UM is approved for the remodel, an open forum will take place on campus for public comment.

If everything goes as planned, the new Think Tank could be built and operational by September, which would make it the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design [LEED] building on campus. Think Tank is one of six coffee shops located on campus.

"We're excited. We've got what we think is a good design," LoParco said. "We've got the money in hand to do this project."

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TIPS

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my fellow employees, should be valued."

Attorney General Steve Bullock, who worked to pass I-151 in 2006, spoke out against SB 253 in a conference earlier on Tuesday. He pointed to the 73 percent of Montanans who voted for the

initiative as one of his reasons for opposing the bill.

"The legislation is taking the first step to gut the popular will of what three out of four Montanans have said," Bullock said. "Their voice isn't being heard in the halls of this building."

Bullock said the economy is certainly suffering, but it should not be aided by taking money away from the poorest people in the state.

"We need to make sure we're

watching out for the little fellers, not just the Rockefellers," Bullock said.

All of the Democratic senators voted against the bill. The six Republican senators to vote against it were Sens. Taylor Brown of Billings, John Brueggeman of Polson, Rick Laible of Darby, Dave Lewis of Helena, Terry Murphy of Cardwell and Ryan Zinke of Whitefish.

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Ben Stein backs out of Vermont speech to avoid stirring evolution controversy

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BURLINGTON, Vt. — Comedian Ben Stein has withdrawn as the University of Vermont's commencement speaker because of complaints about his critical views on evolution in favor of intelligent design.

UVM President Daniel Fogel said he chose Stein based on the warm response to a lecture he gave on campus last spring. Fogel said, however, he was deluged with e-mail messages from people offended by Stein's views of science.

When told about the criticism, Stein — who was to be paid \$7,500 — backed out of the May 17 commencement, Fogel said.

"I did not ask him not to come,"

he said. "I was not going to let him be blind-sided by controversy."

The former host of Comedy Central's "Win Ben Stein's Money" quiz show, Stein has drawn fire previously for criticizing evolutionary theory and speaking in favor of intelligent design. That view holds that life is too complex to have developed through evolution alone, implying that a higher power must have had a hand in creation.

Stein told the Burlington Free Press that he was not "anti-science" as some critics have labeled him.

"I am far more pro-science than the Darwinists," Stein wrote in an e-mail to the newspaper. "I want all scientific inquiry to happen not just what the ruling clique calls science."

He said the controversy over him as commencement choice was "laughable" and "pathetic."

Fogel said he was sorry that he did not anticipate the extent and intensity of the concerns expressed about Stein.

Stein, 64, a graduate of Yale Law School, worked as a Federal Trade Commission lawyer and wrote speeches for presidents Nixon and Ford. As an actor, he is best known by some as the droll teacher in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

In a 2008 documentary entitled "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed," he asserted that scientists are afraid to challenge the theory of evolution because they fear they'll be ostracized or fired.

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of the Office for Student Success and possible changes to the peer advising program. ASUM President Trevor Hunter said that when the senate approved the plan it was not aware of and does not support the elimination of the peer advising program.

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